

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 5, 2012
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Glenn Loyet, Jeff Bevirt and Kenneth Joseph, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Douglas Scott and Martin Ercoline, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7th MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The 2013 Holiday Schedule was presented to the Board. Supervisor Ahle stated the schedule is the same as previous years.

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the 2013 Holiday Schedule as presented for the office staff and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; J. Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; K. Joseph – aye; G. Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	30,161.49
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,617.07

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to authorize the payment of the Supervisor's bills be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No report.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

None.

Permanent Road Fund	\$	0
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	0

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported the filing date for the Consolidated Election has been extended to December 26th, 2012 until 5:00 P.M. Witter informed the board and attendees he will be making a trip to the County Courthouse on Monday or Tuesday of next week, if anybody would like him to drop off their Economic Interest Statement and get a receipt for filing them. A brief discussion followed. Witter said this statement has to be filed in the year that persons file their petitions for election, even elected officials who are running again.

Witter reported on the township website. There were 400 visits with 328 unique visitors. Most visits were from the United States. There was 1 visit from Poland and 1 visit from Canada.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet attended the TOI Conference in Springfield. He said he was asked to stay on the board until his term ends in 2 years. He said he is only staying on the TOI Board until his term ends at the Township in May 2013.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt commented on a topic session he attended at the conference titled Township in Crisis Mode. He said it was mostly about Townships in Chicago area. Bevirt said it was very informative. He continued to say it proved to him the Belleville News Democrat is not as informed as he thought when they posted an article on the same subject. He said the BND article did not mention things like how the Township Road District snow plowing roads that are annexed into the City with a pre-annexation agreement. Other sessions Trustee Bevirt attended were; Township Board Meeting Boot Camp and Surviving the 2013 Election. Bevirt said the Open Meetings Act online certification is done annually. He was under the impression it was a one time deal. A brief discussion followed. Beviret also mentioned they discussed posting of meeting notices and agendas, which Clerk Witter does a very good job.

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet reported the seniors had their last meeting on Wednesday November 28th at 7:00 P.M. The next senior dinner is the Christmas dinner this Thursday December 6th at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph reported there is no Committee meeting for the month of December. Trustee Bevirt said the Committee will go Christmas Caroling on Thursday December 13th. They will meet at the O'Fallon Township at 6:00 P.M.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey reported he went shopping for the After Prom on Black Friday at Wal-Mart. Purchases included a laptop, 2 - 24" televisions, a 32" television and an X-Box with game pack. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Hursey questioned the Ameren IP bill about a \$700 miscellaneous charge. Hursey asked if it is monthly or annual. A brief discussion followed. Deputy Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup said she will look at previous bills and update the board at next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle reported there were some problems with the wheelchair lift on the new 2011 Ford van. Ahle said he noticed some oil drips on the garage floor also. The van was taken in for repairs and everything has been fixed.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle submitted for the board's approval of an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from 55.5 cents per mile 56.5 cents as suggested by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to authorize the increase of the mileage reimbursement as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Loyet - aye; Bevirt - aye; Ahle - aye; Joseph - aye; Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ahle submitted for the board's approval of the O'Fallon Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 12-10 for the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund. Ahle explained he is slightly raising the Town Fund and lowering the General Assistance Fund. When it shows up on the tax bill, the funds are combined and the total increase is lower than last year. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to accept the O'Fallon Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 12-10 for the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet - aye; Bevirt - aye; Ahle - aye; Joseph - aye; Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attendee Doug Scott stated he got into a conversation with an O'Fallon City official and the topic of Reider Road came up. Scott said the official said the City really wants the Township to do something with this road to which Mr. Scott said he disagreed because of the cost. According to this City official, per Scott, they want to develop the ground out there and they want the road done but they cannot do anything because they are not annexed to that road. Scott said the official also said the County is not going to give the Township any money on this side because they own all the property on the other side of the interstate, so all their funds will be going towards improvements on their side. The board said they had already been informed of this. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Glenn Loyet brought up the subject that the deed for the Township land is all under the Road District which is overseen by the Highway Commissioner. Supervisor Ahle said they have tried before to get the deed changed. Loyet said he spoke with Robert Wisniewski, who is a trustee out of Joliet Township, and is also an attorney. Loyet asked Mr. Wisniewski the procedures to change the deed for the property. Mr. Wisniewski said the topic needs to be put on the agenda and the board vote on it. After that, you have an attorney draw up the papers and submit them. Loyet said it is not costly and he believes the property should be under the Township and not just the Highway Commissioner. A brief discussion followed. Supervisor Ahle said he wants to inform Township Attorney Cory Easton of the board's plans and then bring it up at the 1st meeting of the month in January or February. More discussion followed.

Town Clerk Witter reminded the board there is no longer a Supervisor's Meeting or a Highway Commissioner's Meeting. The two meetings each month are Board of Trustees meetings. A brief discussion followed. Supervisor Ahle stated there used to be only 1 meeting a month but Highway Commissioner William Peach wanted 2 meetings a month. After some time, Peach started coming to only 1 meeting. Clerk Witter said the Highway Commissioner report is on the agenda at each meeting. If he is not at one of the meetings, he notes in the minutes there was no report by the Commissioner. More discussion followed.

Trustee Kenny Joseph reminded everybody of the Township Appreciation Open House next Friday December 14th from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. in the main hall at the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk